

What is claimed is:

1. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages with remotely purchased articles, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) receiving an order message including first information relating to the purchaser, the purchased article and the merchant from whom the article was purchased;
  - (b) sending a PIN message assigning an identification number to the purchaser;
  - (c) receiving contact from the purchaser to allow recording of the personalized audio message to be associated with the object;
  - (d) forwarding the personalized audio message to a loader station where the personalized audio message may be downloaded to a sound module, the sound module to be placed with the purchased article; and
  - (e) forwarding an identifier to a location associated with the loader station allowing the personalized audio message to be associated with the article.
2. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, wherein said step (c) of receiving contact from the purchaser comprises contact via the Internet.

3. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, wherein said step (c) of receiving contact from the purchaser comprises contact via a telephone.
4. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step (f) of providing security protocols where purchaser is required to enter the identification number received in said step (b).
5. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, wherein the order message is received from the merchant from whom the article was purchased.
6. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, wherein said step (b) of sending a PIN message comprises sending the PIN message to the purchaser.
7. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, wherein said step (b) of sending a PIN message comprises sending the PIN message to the merchant.

8. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 1, further comprising a step (g) of storing the personalized audio message after receiving said contact in said step (c).
9. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages for articles purchased remotely from a merchant, comprising the steps of:
  - (a) receiving an order message from a first location associated with the merchant, the order message including first information relating to the purchaser, the purchased article and the merchant from whom the article was purchased;
  - (b) sending a PIN message assigning an identification number to the purchaser;
  - (c) receiving contact from the purchaser to allow recording of the personalized audio message to be associated with the object;
  - (d) forwarding the personalized audio message to a loader station at a second location associated with the merchant where the personalized audio message may be downloaded to a sound module, the sound module to be placed with the purchased article; and
  - (e) forwarding an identifier to the second location allowing the personalized audio message to be associated with the article.

10. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, wherein said step (c) of receiving contact from the purchaser comprises contact via the Internet.
11. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, wherein said step (c) of receiving contact from the purchaser comprises contact via a telephone.
12. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step (f) of providing security protocols where purchaser is required to enter the identification number received in said step (b).
13. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, wherein the order message is received from the merchant from whom the article was purchased.
14. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, wherein said step (b) of sending a PIN message comprises sending the PIN message to the purchaser.

15. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, wherein said step (b) of sending a PIN message comprises sending the PIN message to the merchant.
16. A method for creating and associating personalized audio messages as recited in claim 9, further comprising a step (g) of storing the personalized audio message after receiving said contact in said step (c).